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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4,6-11,13-16,18,19 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 16,18 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-4,6-11,13-15 and 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 April 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. The request filed on October 18, 2006, for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 09/844,283 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show 1) measuring module 2002; 2) analog data signal 104 in Fig. 21A as described in the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet"

pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-15, and 21 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a) Regarding to claims 1, 13-15, and 21, please change “post-transition sample amplitudes and steady state sample amplitudes” to -- an average of post-transition sample amplitudes and an average of steady state sample amplitudes --. By doing so, claims are consistent with drawing and specification.
 - b) Regarding to claim 6, please change “integrated post-transition sample amplitudes and the integrated steady state sample amplitudes” to -- average of the integrated post-transition sample amplitudes and average of the integrated steady state sample amplitudes --. By doing so, claims are consistent with drawing and specification.
 - c) Claim 10 is objected under similar reasons as claims above.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 16, and 18-19 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art teaches or suggests a multi-gigabit analog receiver comprising an analog sampler, an analog equalizer, and a quantizer, wherein the equalizer includes a FIR with adjustable taps; a control logic is coupled to FIR. The control logic output an average difference between post-transition amplitudes of the equalizer samples and steady-state amplitudes of the equalizer samples; and a state machine configured to generate the tap updates for FIR according the average difference.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

See description above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

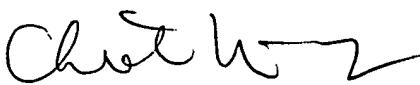
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eva Y Zheng whose telephone number is 571-272-3049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner
Art Unit 2611

December 19, 2006


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